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1. [redacted] the Chinese Changchun Railroad included the line running  
from the Soviet border through Hailar to Harbin, the line south from Harbin  
to Changchun, and the line southeast from Harbin passing through Pogranichnaya  
station in the direction of Vladivostok. [redacted] under the Soviet-  
Chinese Communist agreement, the railroad division line running south from  
Changchun to Mukden and Dairen (now called Dalny) became a part of the Chinese  
Changchun Railroad. 50X1-HUM

2. [redacted] the railroad  
tracks were old and weak, consisting of Japanese and old Russian rails. How-  
ever [redacted] the tracks were replaced with new, heavy-type 50X1-HUM  
rails and the roadbed was well maintained. [redacted] no new locomotives  
or cars had been obtained. However, existing equipment was repaired, apparently  
with excellent results. 50X1-HUM

3. The heaviest railroad traffic occurs on the Manchuria station-Harbin standard  
gauge line. Southbound trains transport such items as railroad rails, cotton,  
and military equipment. Northbound traffic primarily takes out food products, such  
as eggs, meat, vegetables, and corn. The capacity of railroad cars which carry  
grain is increased by perhaps 40% by sewing together several layers of straw  
mats in a box-like shape on top of each car. This line has new railroad ties,  
good rails, and undergoes constant maintenance. [redacted] 50X1-HUM  
[redacted] Soviet gauge track extends south across the Soviet-Chinese border for  
approximately five kilometers to Manchuria Station. The station is a trans-  
loading point, which has 24 sets of parallel tracks. These tracks alternate  
between Soviet gauge and normal gauge tracks. [redacted]  
[redacted] many cars parked there and being loaded. Trains throughout the rail-  
road run on time. 50X1-HUM

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4. The Harbin-Changchun standard gauge line appeared [ ] to be in excellent condition [ ] Express trains are fast and adhere to their schedules. This seems to indicate that both the roadbed and locomotives are in good condition. [ ] many new tracks have been laid on this line. [ ] extra rails are available, which would permit quick installation of a third track, thereby converting the line to use for both wide gauge and standard gauge traffic. The present ties are [ ] long enough to support a third rail.

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